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METHODS FOR TRACKING USERS IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method of tracking a user in a communication network supporting a broadcast-multicast service, the network classifies groups of users into tracking areas. Movement of a user may be tracked as the user crosses a boundary between two tracking areas in the network. The method may enable a balance to be achieved between use of uplink overhead and the level or granularity of tracking desired, so as to conserve radio resources.